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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20251

Re: Application of Yoichi ASANO, Masaaki NANAUMI, Nagayuki KANAOKA,  
Hiroshi SOHMA, Nobuhiro SAITO, Junji MATSUO, Kohei GOTO, Masayuki  
TAKAHASHI, Yuji NAITO, Fusazumi MASAKA  
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE AND SOLID POLYMER  
ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL USING SAME  
Assignee: HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, JSR  
CORPORATION  
Our Ref. Q68167

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising one hundred thirty-five (135) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and , three sheets of drawings. The U.S. Requisite Government Filing fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>40</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>20</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$360.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>8</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>5</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$420.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$740.00</u>

**TOTAL FEE** **\$1520.00**

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-12361	January 19, 2001
Japan	2001-12362	January 19, 2001
Japan	2001-12363	January 19, 2001
Japan	2001-12489	January 19, 2001

The priority documents are enclosed herewith.



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Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday and the following Monday, January 21, 2002 was a Federal Holiday the filing of this application on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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